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For:	FLOW CONTROL VALVE AND CYLINDER APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 37 CFR. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent or non-patent literature listed on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B is submitted herewith.

Additional Information Not Listed on Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B

Also enclosed herewith is a copy of an Office action received from the Japan Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese application. An English language translation of the Office action is also enclosed. The Office action is dated September 15, 2009.

Concise Statement of Relevancy  
(Non-English Language Documents Only)

The relevancy of the cited document is identified in the Japanese Office action received from the Japan Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese application.

Statement Regarding Translations

English language translations of the non-English language documents are not available to Applicants' attorney apart from English language abstracts appended to the documents or English language counterparts identified in the "Statement of Cumulative Information" paragraph below.

Statement of Timeliness

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after three months from (i) the filing date of the above-identified U.S. National Patent application, or (ii) after three months from entry into the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified International Application, or (iii) the date of entry into the U.S. National Stage of the International Application that has been assigned the above-identified U.S. Patent application number, whichever applies; and after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application, but prior to issuance of the earlier of any Final Action or Notice of Allowance sent in such application. The certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is submitted separately or below, or the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) and §1.17(p) is submitted herewith.

Certification

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided

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If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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